



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING IN FORM

We are providing this form so that you can see what fishing effort information we will ask you to supply in a telephone interview. You may choose to use this form to document your fishing activity for the vessel and week designated on this form. Fisheries personnel will contact you by telephone sometime during the week after the fishing activity occurred. Please help us to accurately represent your industry by cooperating with the telephone interview.

This form should be filled out for the week of **Monday through Sunday**, only.

**Trip** - The sequential number of the trip taken that week beginning on Monday.

**Date** - The date of the trip (month/day/year).

**Trip Type** - The type of trip taken as defined below.

**Charter Trip** - A fishing trip with paying passengers who hired the vessel as a group.

**Headboat Trip** - A fishing trip with paying passengers who paid to fish as individuals.

**Other Trip** - A trip with no paying passengers or a non-fishing trip.

**Number of Anglers** - The number of people fishing on the trip (excluding captain and crew for charter trips).

**State of Departure** - The state from which the fishing trip originated.

**County of Departure** - The county from which the fishing trip originated.

**Fishing Site** - The name of the site from which the trip originated.

**Target Species** - The main or primary species of fish targeted on this trip. Up to two species can be entered, with the primary species entered first.

**Primary Area Fished** - The primary area of fishing on this trip as defined below.

**Gulf, Open bay** - Fishing in offshore waters or an **open bay**.

**Sound** - Fishing in a semi-enclosed or enclosed embayment named "Sound".

**River** - Saltwater fishing in rivers.

**Bay** - Fishing in an enclosed bay (e.g. Pine Island Sound).

**Distance From Shore** - Only to be used if fishing occurred in the Gulf or an Open Bay. The distance from shore where fishing primarily took place as defined below.

**<= 10 miles** - Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico from the shore out to 10 miles.

**> 10 miles** - Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico greater than 10 miles out from shore.

**<= 3 miles** - Fishing in the Atlantic Ocean from shore out to 3 miles.

**> 3 miles** - Fishing in the Atlantic Ocean greater than 3 miles out from shore.

**Time Trip Started** - Time of day vessel departed the dock or ramp for the fishing trip.

**Time Trip Ended** - Time of day vessel arrived back at the dock or ramp.

**Hours Fished** - The amount of time spent actively fishing with gear in the water to the nearest half-hour.